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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/321,715
Filing Date	May 28, 1999
First Named Inventor	Yasuhiko TAKEMURA et al.
Group Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	M. Wilczewski
Attorney Docket Number	740756-1974

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 14, 2000
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$820.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	March 12, 2001

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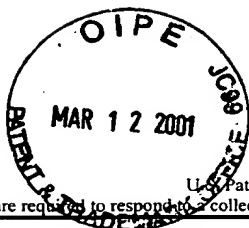
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
FOR FY 2001**

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money
Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	201	Utility filing fee	
106	206	Design filing fee	
107	207	Plant filing fee	
108	208	Reissue filing fee	
114	214	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	X	
Independent Claims	-3** =	X	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	203	Claims in excess of 20	
102	202	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	204	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	209	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	205	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	227	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	139	Non-English transaction	
147	147	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	112	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	113	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	215	Extension for reply within first month	\$110.00
116	216	Extension for reply within second month	
117	217	Extension for reply within third month	
118	218	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	228	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	219	Notice of Appeal	
120	220	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	221	Request for oral hearing	
138	138	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	240	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	241	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	242	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	243	Design issue fee	
144	244	Plant issue fee	
122	122	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	123	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	126	Submission of information Disclosure Stmt	
581	581	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	246	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	249	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
179	249	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$710.00
169	169	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			

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SUBTOTAL (3)**\$820.00****SUBMITTED BY**

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